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Alvin's late-inning rallies kill Scorpions

The UTB/TSC Baseball Team was swept by Alvin Community College Feb. 15-16. The Dolphins won 4-2, 7-3 and 21-5 as the Scorpions suffered late collapses in all three games.

University to Mr. Amigo: ¡Bienvenida!

By Ildefonso Ortiz
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

Preparations are under way to welcome Aida Cuevas, Mr. Amigo 2002, to the UTB/TSC campus on Thursday morning. The Student Union will serve as the backdrop for the event,

which will be televised live on Matamoros' X H A B - Channel 7.

This year Mr. Amigo, a Latin Grammy nominee, will not visit City Hall



Aida Cuevas

before coming to the university as in previous years. Rather, she will come directly to the campus after the Hands Across the Bridge ceremony at the Gateway International Bridge, said Student Activities Director Vince Solis.

Cuevas, nicknamed the

"Queen of Ranchero," is being recognized by Brownsville's Mr. Amigo Association, which honors a Mexican citizen each year based on his or her contribution to international friendship and development of mutual

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17 students receive mobilization orders

By Sonia Mejia
Staff Writer

Seventeen UTB/TSC students have been called up for active duty by the U.S. military. The mobilization orders have forced the students to withdraw from classes.

"[It's] a very easy process," Registrar Albert Barreda said about the withdrawal from classes. "They simply need to stop by our office and show us their orders. We make copies of that documentation and process a military withdrawal, if that is what they choose."

Barreda said students that have been activated by the military have other options besides withdrawing.

"[Military active students] could make arrangements with their instructors to possibly

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Digesting science



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Samantha Espinosa (left) and Joanna Mendiola examine the digestive system of a fetal pig during last Wednesday's lab session for Biology Principles II, which is taught by Iliana A. Peña. Espinosa is freshman psychology major and Mendiola is a sophomore biology major.

SGA assumes rights to online book exchange

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

The Student Government Association has assumed all rights to the online book exchange *Mi Libro*. Mario

Guajardo, who created the Web site, signed a letter of release and relinquished all rights to *Mi Libro* to the SGA during its Feb. 14 meeting.

Students interested in buying or selling books will no longer

have to post fliers on bulletin boards around campus, but rather log onto *Mi Libro*.

Senator at Large Carlos Garza Jr. reported that he and Guajardo came up with a disclaimer for the Web site, which is what was

needed to get the online book exchange off the ground.

In other business, the SGA passed an amendment to a previous resolution regarding promo-

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Briefs

Tori Neugebauer, a senior at Sharyland High School, has signed a letter of intent with the **UTB/TSC Volleyball Team**. The signing took place last Wednesday at Sharyland High School Gym. Neugebauer is a middle blocker and outside hitter.

UTB/TSC Business Technology students will provide income tax assistance from 4 to 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday until April 15 in Rusteberg Rooms 166 and 210. To qualify for tax help, individuals must be students or taxpayers with limited income, disabilities, non-English speaking or elderly. For more information, call the Business Technology Department at 983-7835 or 548-6574.

The **Learning Assistance Center** will conduct the following **TASP Preparation Workshops** this week: Writing, 2-4 p.m. today; Math III, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday; Reading III, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday; and Math III, 2-4 p.m. Thursday. The TASP test will be administered Saturday. All workshops are conducted in North Hall 104. For more information, call 544-8208.

The **Conflict Resolution Center**

will conduct a workshop titled **"Handling Anger"** from noon to 1 p.m. in Cortez Room 204 (Student Health Services conference room). Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the center at 983-7235.

The **UTB/TSC One O'clock Jazz Band** has been selected to perform at the 45th annual University of Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival, which takes place Friday and Saturday. **Terry Tomlin**, associate professor of Fine Arts, directs the band, which will also perform in Corpus Christi and at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., on the way to Indiana. The band was one of 300 from across the country that applied for the chance to be judged in performance by world-renowned jazz artists.

The **Disability Awareness Club** meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union's Bougainvillea Room. For more information, call **Steve Wilder** at 983-7374.

Adam Pertman, executive director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute and a former editor and Pulitzer Prize-nominated reporter for

the Boston Globe, will discuss the adoption revolution on the radio program **"Society Under Fire,"** which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH-FM (88.9). Pertman is the author of "Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution Is Transforming America" (Basic Books, 2002). **David Pearson**, associate professor of sociology in the Behavioral Sciences Department, hosts the program.

Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday in the gym annex. For more information, call **Zelma Mata** at 554-8291.

The **Gorgas Science Society** will meet at noon Friday in Life and Health Sciences Room 2.806. The society will plan fund-raisers, including manning a booth at Sombrero Festival. For more information, e-mail the society at gorgassociety@yahoo.com.

The **University Book Club** will meet at noon Friday at the University Bookstore to discuss "The Wooden Sea" by Jonathan Carroll. For more

information or to reserve a seat, contact Javier Martinez at jmartinez@utb.edu.

The **Physical Sciences Department** (Physics and Astronomy) will present Carl Sagan's **"Cosmos" (Episode VII: The Backbone of Night)** from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday in Life and Health Sciences Room 1.104. For more information, contact **Joseph Romano**, associate professor of physics, at 574-6680.

The **Brownsville Linux User Group** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in SET-B 2.508. For more information, call J.R. Iglesias at 574-6616 or e-mail him at jriglesias@utb.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Student Union's Jacaranda Room. For more information, contact **Janie Ureña** at janieurena@hotmail.com.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, call Lorena Cruz at 554-5143, e-mail her at collegian@utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in Student Union Room 1.28. The deadline for the March 3 issue is 5 p.m. today.

Professor wants to ban adult images from campus computers

By Ryan Huff

Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.-- Academic freedom and workplace propriety are clashing at Cal Poly, as a professor is pushing for a campus ban on viewing pornographic computer images.

Linda Vanasupa's proposal comes after her ex-boss, former Materials Engineering Department chairman Robert Heidersbach, was convicted on a misdemeanor charge last year for improperly using the computer at his Cal Poly office to download more than 13,000 adult pornographic images over a two-month period, according to court records.

After an investigation was initiated, he was placed on a two-quarter sabbatical and no longer works at the university. Cal Poly administrators would not explain whether Heidersbach resigned or was let go.

"It's not [an] appropriate and responsible use of state equipment to use it for your own sexual entertainment," Vanasupa said. "Why should taxpayer

money go toward professors viewing pornography? This would never fly at private businesses."

The proposed campus ban, which the faculty Academic Senate is expected to vote on as early as next month, is fueling debate among some campus officials who say viewing pornography is protected under the First Amendment.

Provost Paul Zingg called viewing pornography on campus computers "stupid and wrong." But he said censoring what employees view could be a violation of free speech.

"We can't just ignore the law," he said in reference to the First Amendment.

But, Zingg said, "anyone who engages in that kind of activity does so at their own risk" of creating a hostile work environment, which could lead to disciplinary action.

Vanasupa, who now chairs the Materials Engineering Department, said when professors view pornography it makes other students and employees feel uncomfortable.

Heidersbach is the second Cal Poly department chair to recently be investi-

gated for viewing pornography on campus computers.

The FBI is investigating and will soon likely recommend felony charges against a former department chair who allegedly viewed child pornography on multiple university-owned computers in 2001, according to a federal law enforcement official and university sources.

Zingg declined to specifically acknowledge the two pornography cases.

But he said in "the cases I am aware of, the university acted decisively and properly in order to send a clear message that there are boundaries with regard to

the use of state equipment." Vanasupa, with the support of almost 20 professors, staff members and students, will soon present her proposal to the Academic Senate--a faculty governing body of about 50 professors that votes on academic policy. The senate has jurisdiction over changing the "Responsible Use Policy"--a guideline that outlines appropriate use of Cal Poly equipment, including computers.

"Academic freedom allows you to pursue truth in your field of study," Vanasupa said. "It doesn't give you the

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Corrections

A photo caption on Page 10 of the Feb. 17 issue of The Collegian incorrectly described the event as an intramural pington singles tournament. In fact, it was a table tennis tournament.

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet will present Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" at 8 p.m. March 5. A brief in the Feb. 17 issue of The Collegian gave the incorrect date.

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By **Sonia Mejia**
Staff Writer

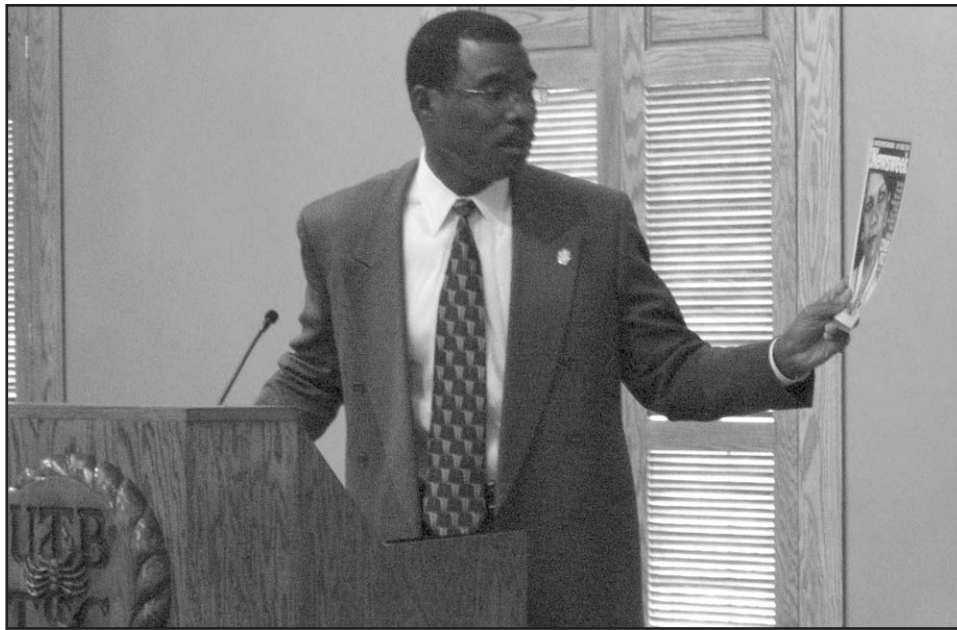
A U.S. Border Patrol official says national harmony cannot be found unless the people of the United States begin to embrace diversity.

"The events of Sept. 11, 2001, taught us that our enemies do not look at us in terms of race or separate us accordingly," Chief Patrol Agent Luis Barker told a crowd of more than 100 gathered at the Student Union's Gran Salon for "The Souls of Black Folk: 'Centennial Reflections,'" part of the university's observance of Black History Month. "We, too, should look at each other with those same eyes and appreciate the marvel that this country is because of what we see: that kaleidoscope of colors, the envy of the world."

Barker, of El Paso, said the theme for this year's Black History Month "is appropriate and the fact that it calls for a reflection is an indication that our journey to inclusiveness and tolerance continues. A centennial reflection will also tell us that we have come a long way; we have made great progress, but we still have much to do."

Barker spoke of the barriers that prevent the United States from bringing about true equality.

"In Georgia, the issue of the Confederate flag is still being debated, affirmative action again is in the news, Title IX, issues that still divide us. We must unite, stand as one nation and put



SONIA MEJIA/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Luis Barker, chief patrol agent for the U.S. Border Patrol in El Paso, holds a copy of Newsweek magazine featuring National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice during his speech on equality.

aside biases," he said.

Barker, however, also noted "great progress," holding out a copy of the Dec. 16, 2002 issue of Newsweek magazine. On the cover is National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and it reads: "The most powerful woman in Washington is Black, Brainy and Bush's Secret Weapon."

"Years ago, they would not have gotten beyond the fact that she is black," Barker said. "[There is] hope, because we are beginning to see fairness promised where the person will be given an opportunity

despite their color."

Barker said it was important that people residing along the U.S.-Mexico border celebrate African-American history because of the similarities between the two minorities.

"I see a parallel course in what we suf-

fered as a race just like what Hispanics suffered as a race; I think the message applies to all," he said.

After the speech, the audience was treated to a sampling of soul food that included black-eyed peas, cornbread, macaroni, fried fish, boiled spinach and sweet potatoes. For dessert, people could choose among banana pudding pie, pumpkin pie, and glazed strawberry with whipped cream pie.

The event also featured a photo exhibit of African culture by Millicent Ann Clark, of the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art.

The presentation was sponsored by the university, the McAllen sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, the Social Security Administration, the Small Business Administration and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"We're hosting [this presentation] because there's so few African-Americans in the Border Patrol and we chose this facility because we wanted to bring in the education arena," said Tonya Bailey-Garcia, officer and special interest program manager for African-American Heritage of the U.S. Border Patrol.

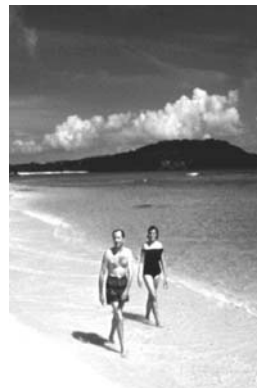


Marilyn Woods (right), assistant to UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia, serves herself soul food prepared for the "The Souls of Black Folk: 'Centennial Reflections'" presentation Feb. 14 in the Student Union's Gran Salon.



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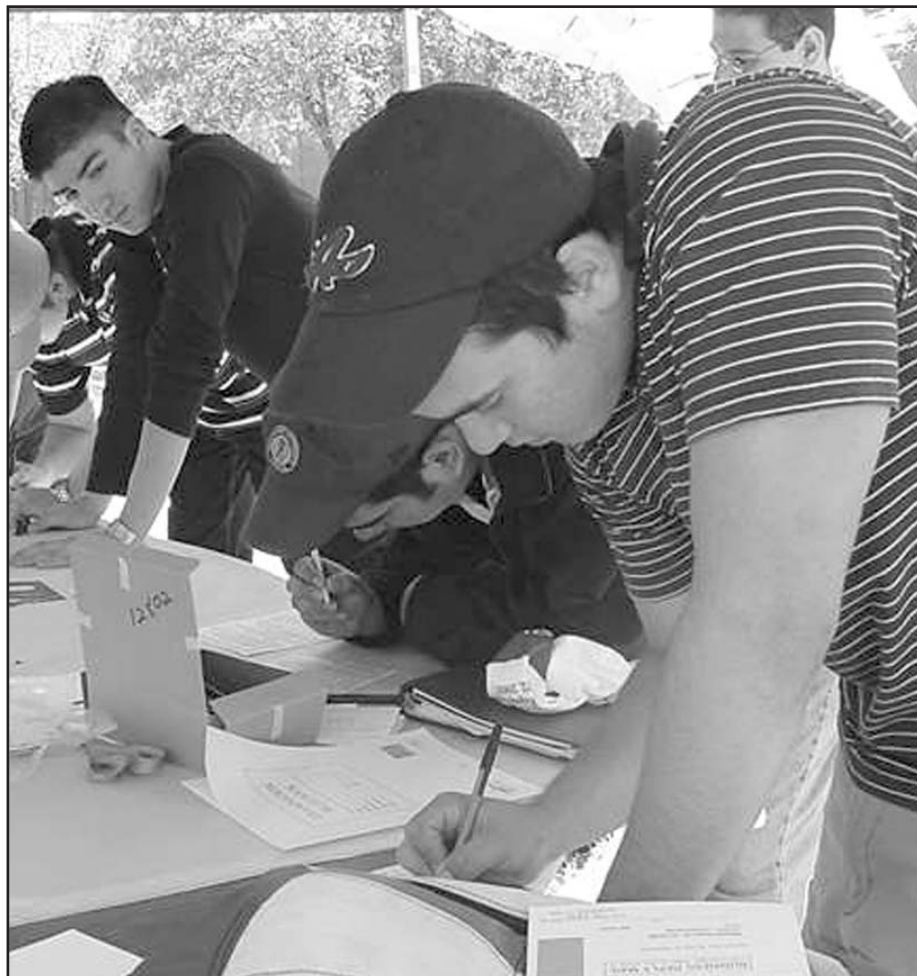
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ABOVE: Brownsville Mayor Blanca Vela (from left), United Way Director Kecia Batsell and Denise Blanchard, legislative executive for U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-Corpus Christi) speak to a group of students Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. The purpose of the forum was to promote community awareness among college students and to produce more volunteers. The event was part of Civic Engagement Week.

LEFT: Freshman drafting major Ramon Lopez (far left), freshman criminal justice major Oscar Gaucin, sophomore history major Anthony Zarate, criminal justice major Rafael Isassi and psychology major R. Tejada complete their voter registration forms during Voter Registration Day Feb. 17 in the gazebo. About 170 students had registered as of last Thursday, said SGA President Edward Camarillo.



UTB/USC Welcomes Mr. Amigo 2002 Aida Cuevas Thursday, Feb. 27

8:45 a.m.

Golf Cart Parade (Tandy Hall to Student Union)

10:30 a.m.

Mr. Amigo Program at Student Union
featuring mariachis, folkloric dancing, food booths and more!

11:30 a.m.

Mr. Amigo After Party featuring live music by Vino Tinto, grito, jalapeño-eating and costume contests.

Hunt turns students into excellent scavengers

By Virginia Ortiz
Staff Writer

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Although 12 clubs had initially signed up for the Scavenger Hunt, only four participated in the final Feb. 15 at the SET-B courtyard: Gorgas Science Society, which earned second place with 4,600 points; Students Toward Excellence in Medicine, and the Chess Club and the Student Government Association. The latter two joined forces and placed third with 3,904 points, said Student Activities Director Vince Solis.

The organizations brought in such items as 5 gallons of South Padre Island sand, a 3-foot cactus with roots, a sewing machine, a waitress in uniform, and waterproof matches, among other things.

For Students Toward Excellence in Medicine, the item described on the list as "strong enough for a man, but made for a woman, was the [most difficult] thing to find," said Rony Bermea, a sophomore nursing major. The club's version of that object was a sex toy, one of the most outrageous things presented.

"Each team had [the same] list and whatever they brought in we checked out," Solis said.

The single prize did not discourage some of the clubs.

"Our club decided to participate to do it for fun, so we knew [about] the prize, but we just wanted to get together for fun," said Sulema Castro, president of the Gorgas Science Society, which had to leave the contest early because of another commitment.

With the Scavenger Hunt completed, Students Toward Excellence in Medicine and the combined Chess Club/SGA team then competed in the Trivia Bowl and in "Fear Factor" games that included eating jalapeños, and pickled pig's feet and wet-sponge games.



SONIA MEJIA/COLLEGIAN

Patricia Sanchez, lower-level senator for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology, shows off the biggest transformer during the Scavenger Hunt finale Feb. 15 in the SET-B courtyard. The Student Government Association and the UTB/TSC Chess Team united in the competition, winning third place.

TRIO Bowl champions



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 100 high school seniors from Brownsville, Harlingen and San Benito competed in the TRIO Bowl, an academic and athletic competition, Feb. 15 on the UTB/TSC campus. TRIO is a group of federal outreach programs designed to motivate and support students. Winning first place with 250 points were students in the Upward Bound Math and Science program. Classic Upward Bound placed second with 190 points and University Talent Search earned third place with 160 points, according to Raymundo Martinez, director for Upward Bound Math and Science. Shown are first-place winners (front row, from left) Nora Ortiz, Sylvia Venegas, and director Raymundo Martinez. Middle row: Mari E. Stevens, administrative assistant, Drinda Nunez; Rudy Lerma; Misael Lerma; Jessica Gutierrez; Krystle Zuniga; Ericka L. Garcia; Nancy Robledo; and Jose Garcia. Back row: Luis A. Sanchez, academic adviser; Paul Garcia; Eusebio Salazar; and Daniel Garcia.

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understanding and cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

The Mr. Amigo events on and off campus are held in conjunction with the city's weeklong Charro Days celebration, which began Sunday.

It will be the first time the Student Union will be used for the Mr. Amigo program. Previously, it was held on the South Lawn.

"The Student Union lends itself to the atmosphere, to the flavor of the fiesta, because [of] its hacienda-style [architecture]," Solis said.

The festivities will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a golf cart parade, which will start at Tandy Hall and end at the Student Union veranda. In addition to decorated golf carts from various campus departments, the parade will feature marching bands from the Brownsville School District and Matamoros, Grupo Folklórico Tizatán and children from the Raul J. Guerra Early Childhood Center.

The festivities will continue at 9:30 a.m. with the Mr. Amigo Pre-Program. Performing then will be UTB/TSC's Mariachi Escorpión, Grupo Folklórico Tizatán and children from Guerra



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Twelve Industrial Technology students under the tutelage of department chair Jesus Galvan constructed the frame of the float that will represent UTB/TSC in the Charro Days Illuminated and Fiesta Grand parades at 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, respectively.. The float is a representation of the new Student Union with the university's mascot on top.

Early Childhood Center. Singers scheduled to perform are Juan Antonio Chapa, Alberto Chapa and Jennifer Robles, a former member of Mariachi Escorpión who won the East Los

Angeles Mariachi Vocal Competition last year.

Mr. Amigo is expected to appear shortly after 10:30 a.m. UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García will present

Cuevas with a plaque. Edward Camarillo, president of the Student Government Association, will give her a floral bouquet.

Cuevas will be accompanied by soap opera star and singer Sergio Goyri, guest of the City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Goyri's most recent appearance was on the Mexican soap opera "Sin Pecado Concebido"

At 11:30 a.m., the festivities will continue with a Mr. Amigo after party.

"We're going to have a live band, 'Vino Tinto' will be playing," Solis said. "We're going to have a grito contest, jalapeno-eating contest and a best costume contest."

Cuevas began her singing career in 1975 in a radio show titled "Taller XEW," according to a press release. She has released 26 albums and has performed throughout the world.

The singer has garnered several awards, including Revelación Femenina del II Festival de la Canción Ranchera, 1980; Best Interpreter at Festival Oti, 1990; Estrella de Plata Como la Voz, 1996; and Reina de los Mariachis, 1998. Most recently, Cuevas received two Latin Grammy nominations: Best Ranchero Album for "Enhorabuena" and Best Mexican Regional Song for "Siempre te Amaré."

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freedom to do whatever you want to."

As an example, Vanasupa pointed to a computing policy at San Diego State University (like Poly, a California State University campus) that bans "the transmission of threats, harassment, defamation, obscenity and pornography."

She's not confident that her resolution

will pass because professors "won't want to willingly give up privileges," she said. Since she's gone public with her proposal, Vanasupa has received about 10 anonymous, obscene e-mails criticizing her proposed ban.

Unny Menon, a Cal Poly professor and chair of the Academic Senate, said he doesn't advocate viewing pornography, but says doing so may fall under academic freedom.

"As a university, we have freedom of thought and a broad range of ideas," Menon said. "We try not to ban things. But we're struggling with this issue, because we might be infringing on an individual's First Amendment rights. It's tricky finding the right answer."

Eugene Volokh, a UCLA law professor who specializes in First Amendment law, said prior court cases do not make it abundantly clear if universities have

legal grounds to censor what their employees view on state-owned computers.

Cal Poly "will run into difficulty defining what constitutes pornography and what doesn't," he said. "Is art containing nudes considered pornography? What about doing research on pornography? ... Where would the line be drawn? These are good reasons why the university should not embark on this project."

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receive an incomplete," Barreda said. "In some cases, it could be that they could receive a final grade."

He explained the conditions for a military active student to be able to receive full credit for a course.

"Obviously, this time of the semester it isn't possible to issue out full credit because [they were called out] too early, but if this occurs later in the term, then they could receive a final grade," he said, emphasizing that students must first speak with their professors.

Barreda said the 17 students chose to be reimbursed for their classes.

"All 17 opted to receive a full refund," he said. "We have to make sure we provide whatever is best for them."

Specialist Robert Ruiz, an activated Army reservist and freshman criminal justice major, said the Registrar's Office was very cooperative when he filed for a military withdrawal.

"I went over, I showed them a copy

of our orders, and they took care of everything from there," Ruiz said.

Jules Frapart, manager of the TSC Bookstore, said students who are withdrawing because of mobilization orders qualify for a full refund on textbooks.

"Basically, what we are asking students to do is bring some kind of documentation verifying that they've been called up," Frapart said.

He said the regular procedure must still be followed to receive a full refund for textbooks.

"[They must] supply us with the receipt for the textbook that proves to us that it was purchased here in the store," Frapart said. "We understand that they're going out there to protect our rights and we are fully supporting them."

Of the 17 students being deployed, six belong to the 812th Quartermaster Company in Harlingen while the others belong to the 370th Transportation Company or the National Guard unit, both of which are based in Brownsville.

"Well, we received notice about a week ago but we didn't know when we

would receive our orders," Specialist Isaias Medellin, an activated Army reservist and freshman criminal justice major, told The Collegian in an interview Feb. 11.

Medellin has been in the military for three years and is a work-study employee of the Veterans Upward Bound Program at UTB/TSC.

Ruiz and Medellin, who belong to the 812th Quartermaster Company, say they think war with Iraq is on the horizon.

"I feel that war is definitely going to happen [because] our country has invested a lot in this [war] and I don't think there's any going back," Ruiz said.

Medellin added: "We have invested a lot of time in [preparing for war]."

David Rivera, coordinator for UTB/TSC's Veterans Upward Bound program, said families of servicemen and women can contact the Family Readiness Groups in Brownsville and Harlingen for support. Blanca Puga, chairman of the Brownsville group, can be reached at (956) 504-9999 and Eneyda Montelongo, chairman of the Harlingen group, at (956) 455-9055.

The Veterans Upward Bound Program, located in the former Student Center, offers its members free services that include pre/post assessment testing in math, reading and writing, assistance with securing a high school diploma or GED certificate, and college admissions and course selection. For more information, call the office at 983-7127.

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tional item spending. Initially, \$1,500 was budgeted for promotional item spending. The amendment adds an additional \$700 to the budget for a total of \$2,200.

SGA President Edward Camarillo reported that \$237 was spent to operate its food table at the Texas Scholastic Region 8 Chess Tournament hosted by UTB/TSC Feb. 8-9. The SGA earned a \$386 profit. Initially, the SGA had planned to invest \$800 on the event. The SGA resolved not to reimburse itself, but rather to donate a total of \$623 (the \$237 investment plus the \$386 profit) to the Getting Involved in Volunteer Efforts committee, which will purchase new playground equipment for Longoria Elementary.

Also, the SGA passed a resolution to set aside a \$500 budget for the Voter Registration Task Force for the spring

semester. The money would be used for refreshments.

Guest speaker Eldon Nelson, dean of the School of Health Sciences, spoke to the SGA about the programs offered and the recent advancements made by the School of Health Sciences.

Camarillo reported that he received two e-mails complaining about the parking situation. One e-mail urged the SGA to look into having class sizes distributed evenly on campus. Camarillo said the SGA would research who makes decisions on class distribution and times.

Freshman Senator Michael Camarillo reported that the patch to be used on T-shirts for the Scorpion Academy has already been designed. He said the Academy may need another location because there may be too many applicants for the Student Union. Camarillo also invited members of The Collegian to join the Scorpion Academy, which will be held March 19-28.

Planning his next move

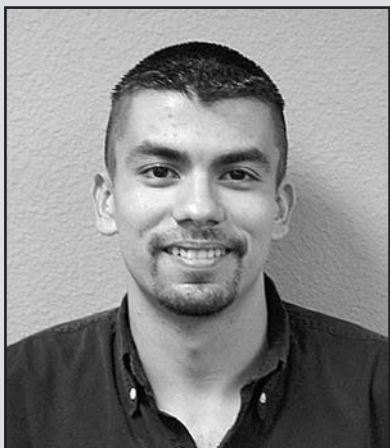


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Jesse Muro, a sixth-grader at Central Middle School, competes in the Texas Scholastic Region 8 Chess Tournament hosted by UTB/TSC. More than 1,000 students from throughout the Valley competed in the tournament Feb. 8-9. Antonio Espino, a junior at Hanna High School, won the high school category, making him eligible for a \$15,000 scholarship to UTB/TSC. In collegiate competition, winners were as follows: Victor A. Flores of UTB/TSC, first place; Erick Vallarino of UTB/TSC, second place; Gilbert Davila of UT-Pan American, third place; Jaime Flores Jr. of UTB/TSC, fourth place; and Hugo A. Perez of UTB/TSC, fifth place.

Estudiante de Hoy

Por Lorena Cruz
Reportera



Nombre: Eligio Sánchez
Edad: 19 años
Promedio: 3.5
Clasificación: estudiante del primer año
Especialidad: Ingeniería Mecánica
Afiliaciones: Consejo de Actividades Colegiales
Pasatiempos: pasar el tiempo con sus amigos y salir a divertirse
¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? “El cambio entre la preparatoria y la universidad”.
¿Cuáles son tus metas a corto y largo plazo? “Una de mis metas a corto plazo es obtener mi carrera y a largo plazo el ser un buen ingeniero”.
¿Qué has hecho en beneficio de la comunidad? “He ayudado en las limpiezas de la playa, en el Banquete de la Amistad y he donado pavos con el grupo de “Upward Bound” para la cena de acción de gracias”.

UTB/TSC prepara bienvenida a Mr. Amigo

Por Ildefonso Ortiz
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Se están haciendo las preparaciones para recibir a Aída Cuevas, la Mr. Amigo 2002, el jueves por la mañana en el Campus de UTB/TSC. El Centro Estudiantil servirá como escenario para dicho evento que será televisado en vivo por la televisora XHAB-Canal 7 de Matamoros.

Este año Mr. Amigo, nominada al Grammy Latino, no visitará el palacio municipal antes de venir a la universidad como en años anteriores. Por el contrario, visitará directamente el campus después de la ceremonia Manos Através de la Frontera en el puente Internacional Gateway, dijo el Director de Actividades Estudiantiles Vince Solis.

Cuevas, apodada la Reina de Ranchero, es reconocida por la Asociación Mr. Amigo de Brownsville, que honra a un mexicano cada año basado en su colaboración en la amistad internacional y en el desarrollo, entendimiento y cooperación mutua entre los Estados Unidos y México.

Las celebraciones de Mr. Amigo dentro y fuera de la universidad son hechas en conjunto con las celebraciones de los Días del Charro de la ciudad que comenzaron el domingo.

Será la primera vez que el Centro Estudiantil será usado para el progra-

ma de Mr. Amigo. Anteriormente, la celebración se hacía en el jardín del edificio Sur.

"El centro estudiantil se presta a la atmósfera, al sabor de fiesta por [su] arquitectura [estilo] hacienda", dijo Solis.

Las celebraciones comenzarán a las 8:45 a.m. con un desfile de carros de golf que empezará desde el edificio Tandy y terminará en la veranda del Centro Estudiantil. Además de los carros de golf decorados por varios de los departamentos de la universidad, el desfile contará con bandas del Distrito Escolar de Brownsville y de Matamoros, el Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán y niños del centro de desarrollo temprano Raúl J. Guerra.

Las celebraciones continuarán a las 9:30 a.m. con un programa anterior a la recepción de Mr. Amigo. El Mariachi Escorpión, el Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán y niños del centro de desarrollo temprano Raúl J. Guerra estarán participando. Los cantantes que participarán en el evento son: Juan Antonio Chapa, Alberto Chapa y Jennifer Robles, ex miembro del Mariachi Escorpión, quien el año pasado ganó la Competencia Vocal del Este de Los Ángeles.

Mr. Amigo aparecerá un poco después de las 10:30 a.m. La rectora de UTB/TSC Juliet V. García le dará

una placa a Cuevas. Edward Camarillo, presidente del Gobierno Estudiantil, le dará un ramo floral.

Cuevas estará acompañada del actor de telenovelas y cantante Sergio Goyri, invitado de la ciudad de Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México. La aparición más reciente de Goyri en las pantallas, fue en la novela mexicana "Sin Pecado Concebido".

A las 11:30 a.m. las celebraciones continuarán con la fiesta de Mr. Amigo.

"Vamos a tener un grupo en vivo llamado Vino Tinto que estará amenizando", dijo Solis.

"Vamos a tener la competencia del grito, una competencia de comer jalapeños y el mejor vestuario".

Cuevas empezó su carrera en 1975 en un programa de radio llamado "Taller XEW", según la prensa. Ella ha lanzado al mercado 26 discos y ha participado por todo el mundo.

La cantante ha recibido varios premios, incluyendo la Revelación Femenina del II Festival de la Canción Ranchera, 1980, Mejor Interprete en el Festival Oti, 1990, Estrella de Plata Como la Voz, 1996 y Reina de los Mariachis, 1998. Recientemente, Cuevas recibió dos nominaciones al Grammy Latino: Mejor Album Ranchero por "Enhorabuena" y Mejor Canción Regional Mexicana por "Siempre Te Amaré".



Eduardo Hierro, empleado de la oficina de Actividades Estudiantiles, pinta parte de la infraestructura del carro alegórico que la universidad usará en el desfile de los Días del Charro. Doce estudiantes de tecnología industrial bajo el tutelaje de Jesus Galván, dirigente del Departamento de Tecnología Industrial diseñaron y ensamblaron el carro alegórico, que tiene la forma del Centro Estudiantil y un alacrán.

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Alvin's late-inning rallies kill Scorpions

By Alejandro Rivera

Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Baseball Team was swept by Alvin Community College Feb. 15-16. The Dolphins won 4-2, 7-3 and 21-5 as the Scorpions suffered late collapses in all three games.

In Game 1 Feb. 15, the Scorpions took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third as Gilbert Gonzales walked. Arnold Meza struck out, but Will Wade, Alvin's catcher, overthrew first as he tried to get Meza out. Gonzales scored on the errant throw and Meza moved to second, but Alvin pitcher Ryan Cruz got out of trouble as the Scorpions left the bases full.

Alvin proceeded to tie the game as Wade made up for the run-costing error by hitting a solo home run in the top of the fourth. The Scorpions added another run in the fifth as Gonzales reached base on a single and then advanced to second on a passed ball. Meza then hit a double for his second RBI of the game and the only runs for the Scorpions. In the sixth, the Dolphins scored two runs on two errors to take the lead.

Also during the sixth inning, second baseman Gonzales was ejected for making a comment about the umpire, who had already warned both teams about comments.

The Dolphins added an insurance run in the seventh when Amos Ramon, Alvin's left fielder, got on base on a single and then reached second on an error. Ramon advanced to third on a wild pitch and then scored on a sacrifice to right field by first baseman Marcus Mendoza.



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Scorpion designated hitter Saul Requeñez swings at a pitch during the Scorpions' conference match against Alvin Community College Feb.15.

Scorpion starter Hiram Lopez pitched six innings. He gave up three runs (only one earned) and struck out three in the loss, making him 1-2 for the season. Esteban Sanchez, who gave up a run in an inning pitched, relieved him. Alvin starter Cruz pitched five innings, struck out two and allowed two runs to score in the no-decision. Dale Tyson, who relieved Cruz, pitched the final two innings and picked up the win.

Julio Ruiz went 1 for 3 and had a spectacular dive in center to trap a ball, preventing an extra base hit.

In Game 2, Scorpion Joey Benavides pitched one-third of an inning because of an elbow injury. Mike McCune then pitched for six and two-thirds of an inning

in which he had five strikeouts, gave up only six hits and one run. He had a no-hitter going until a leadoff single in the fifth broke it up.

"Mike was outstanding," Coach Eliseo Herrera said. "He did more than his share. He didn't have to worry or think about anything, he just had to get the ball in his hand, go out there and throw strikes and he did that with a lot of success."

Herrera did admit, however, that he should have allowed McCune to finish the game.

"I took him out too early," Herrera said. "I should have asked him how he was doing. Sometimes your best move is not to make a move."

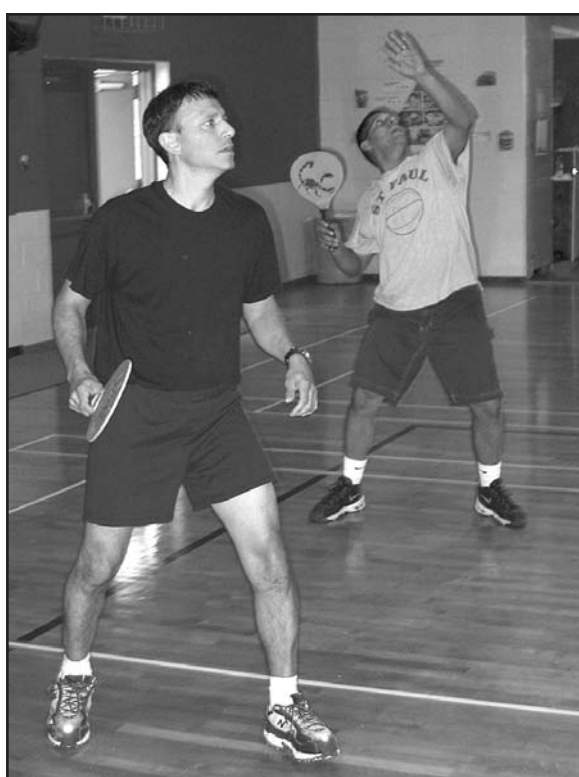
The Scorpions scored first in the bottom

of the first. Two men, who had been hit by pitches, were on base when Ruiz had an RBI single. Eric Flores came up to bat with men on first and second and no outs but hit a blooper that led to a triple play. The score remained 1-0 in favor of UTB/TSC until the top of the fifth when Alvin catcher Robert Gipson reached on a single. He was moved over on a sacrifice and then scored on a single by left fielder Ramon. In the bottom of the sixth, the Scorpions scored again on a two-run home run by Ruiz to give the Scorpions the lead 3-2, but it became unglued for the Scorpions as Alvin batted around and put up six more runs to make the final score 7-3. For the Scorpions, Ruiz had the only RBIs of the game. The loss went to Charles Montalvo who is 0-1 for the season. Adam Cowart took the win as he pitched in relief of Alvin starter Chuckie Platt.

Game 3 saw the Scorpions suffer the same late-inning collapse as they lost 21-5. Alvin took an early lead as they scored two runs in the first. The Scorpions scored five runs in the fifth but that was their only offensive productivity. The Dolphins scored one in the fourth, four in the fifth, two in the sixth, and the 12 runs in the ninth to put the game away. Amos Ramon took the win for the Dolphins and Scorpion Alex Guajardo the loss, dropping him to 0-2 for the season.

"The ninth was just one of those crazy innings, they just exploded, it was crazy," Herrera said about the Alvin team. "Anything they hit up there fell in for a base hit. We'd get two strikes on them and they'd get a base hit off the end of the bat."

Double whammy



CHRIS AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

David Flores, property inventory supervisor for the Kinesiology Department, (foreground) gets set as kinesiology major Luis Guardiola prepares to serve the birdie during the pington doubles intramural at the Garza Gym Feb. 17. Flores and Guardiola won the match 15-10 and 15-0.

Athlete of the Week

By Alejandro Rivera

Sports Editor

Name: Rachelle Colthorp
High School: Paul Kane, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada
Classification: Freshman
Major: Education
Height: 5 feet, 2 inches
Hobbies: "I like snowboarding, wakeboarding and golf."
Favorite Team: Edmonton Oilers
Favorite Athlete: David Duvall, professional golfer

When did you begin playing golf? "I started when I was about 10 years old because my dad plays golf and he got me into it. It was a fun thing to do."

What do you like about golf? "I like how it is a mind game, you have to keep your concentration. [Also,] it's tough and it's challenging."

Personal Goals: "I would like to, in getting an education degree, work with kids with special needs, like special education. I also want to play well while I'm down here,



ALEJANDRO RIVERA/COLLEGIAN

that's a goal."

Team Goals: "I hope our team does well. We come out and practice every day so it would be nice to play well."

How is Brownsville different from Canada? "Very different. For one, the wind-playing golf here is very different than back home, it's very windy here. The culture is different. It's neat being so close to Mexico. You can get both cultures, the American and the Hispanic culture. So far, everyone has been really nice and I like it here."

Media's catering to Bush ignores anti-war sentiment

By Mark Weisbrot

Center for Economic and Policy Research

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"I'm a uniter, not a divider," said George W. Bush during his presidential campaign. He got that one right. He has managed to unite the whole world against him and the war he proposes to wage against Iraq.

From New York to Johannesburg, millions of people hit the streets Feb. 15 and 16 in the largest collection of anti-war demonstrations since the Vietnam War. The biggest, record-breaking protests were in the countries whose governments have allied themselves with Bush: Rome, where one to three million peace lovers turned out, and London, where an estimated 750,000 to one million showed up.

So much for the "coalition of the willing" that Bush has promised to lead to war if the UN Security Council won't back him. The people who live under the NATO governments that are backing Bush, according to European polls, are overwhelmingly against a war without UN approval: Britain (90 percent), Italy (73 percent), Spain (90 percent), and Turkey (94 percent).

Even in the "new Europe" of the East, whose cash-poor governments have wasted billions on weaponry so they could join NATO and curry favor with Washington, large majorities are against the war. The truth is that if the world were made up of real democracies, Bush wouldn't have one single country on his side.

But he still doesn't get it. Alternating between the roles of the spoiled rich kid who buys his friends and the belligerence of the neighborhood bully, he has been slow to learn that neither Washington's money nor all of the Pentagon's advanced weaponry can win friendship or respect among the people of the world.

Bush is doing somewhat better on the home front, where polls have found majorities favoring "military action." This is the result of a media that repeats his arguments endlessly and only occasionally provides rebuttal, as well as utter spinelessness among the leadership of the opposition party. That leaves most Americans in the position of a jury that has heard only one side of the case.

In the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, 42 percent of those polled believed that Saddam Hussein was involved in the September 11 attacks. Not even the Administration has floated this allegation. This indicates the profound level of ignorance on which Bush's support is based. The headline for that story should have read: "Many Americans misinformed about Iraq war--the rest are opposed."

Yet even in the United States, 59 percent think the U.S. should "wait and give the UN and weapons inspectors more time." And 54 percent would oppose a war if "thousands of Iraqi civilians were killed," which is extremely likely.

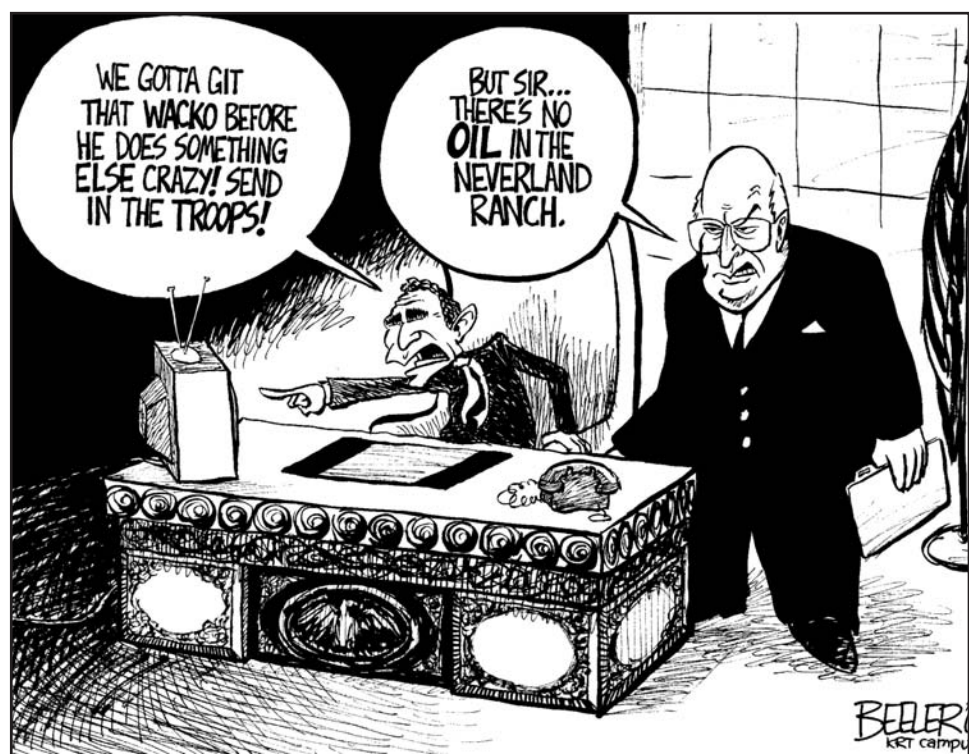
When the UN Security Council stood up to Secretary of State Colin Powell last week, the U.S. stock market soared in response. Why? Because Wall Street knows that this war is very likely to hurt the economy. Unlike previous wars such as World War II, Korea, Vietnam that boosted economic growth, this one will almost certainly have the opposite effect. It will provide little stimulus to domestic production, while the uncertainty it brings will cause businesses to hold back on investment. And of course any further oil price increases will deliver another blow to the economy.

But the war will provide a distraction, and Bush seems to have concluded that he needs this more than anything. We've had a jobless recovery from the last recession and the next one is already on the horizon. The federal budget--with help from Bush's tax cuts for the rich--is headed for a decade or more of growing deficits. What would these people have to show for themselves without a war?

The White House claims it is defying the world on our behalf, to save Americans from the threat of another September 11 or worse. But nothing could be further from the truth. A "pre-emptive" war will drastically increase the chances of international terrorist actions directed at the attackers--that is one of the reasons why Europe is so opposed.

Americans are increasingly coming to realize this too, and President Bush's approval ratings--including those relating to his handling of foreign policy--have been steadily dropping. As the saying goes, regime change begins at home.

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Recently The Collegian looked into cellular plans to meet any student's budget. They are as follows:

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Contract term: One year

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Plan: Nationwide coverage

Price: \$29.99*

Includes: 300 anytime minutes, 5,000 night and weekend minutes,

Contract term: Two years

Sprint, www.sprint.com

Plan: Nationwide coverage

Price: \$45*

Includes: 500 anytime minutes and unlimited PCS to PCS calling

Contract term: One year

T-Mobile, www.t-mobile.com

Plan: Nationwide coverage

Price: \$39.99*

Includes: 600 whenever minutes and unlimited weekend minutes

Contract term: One to two years

Verizon Wireless, www.verizonwireless.com

Plan: America's Choice 300, nationwide coverage

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Contract term: One year

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--Compiled by Jamie Standeford

Mystik Sisters

By Leslie Robinson
and Jamie Standeford
Staff Writers

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Those around you will be very short tempered; just relax and try to not let it affect you. If all else fails, break the rules and have a drink or two during lunch.

Aries (March 21-April 20): Telling your boss that his toupee doesn't look good just might not be the way to win his heart or a possible promotion. Hold your tongue and laugh about it later!

Taurus (April 21-May 21): Today might be a good day to relax and let your guard down. Try to do some yoga, but just remember to have your phone somewhere within arm's reach just in case you get stuck!

Gemini (May 22-June 21): You have that loud vibrant music inside of you just waiting to be revealed. Don't be embarrassed; most people know you're not as conservative as you look.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Even though you might not have had such a fun-filled Valentine's Day, be prepared to experience an intensely romantic week.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Sometimes it's much better to give into problems instead of carrying out the fights that are leaving you handcuffed to a bedpost,

with no sign of a key.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23): You need to bury the hatchet with those that have harmed or hurt you. Now is a time to forgive and forget. And for goodness sake: Throw away that voodoo doll!

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): These desires that you are beginning to experience are no good. They are coming from that person who left you broken-hearted on the side of the road. So don't give in, and when they give you that puppy face, open the door and say, "Get out!"

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Spring cleaning is in your forecast for the weekend. Besides, a good glass of wine and the smooth sounds of Barry White will make any day a good day for cleaning!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Sometimes it's good to keep your mouth shut, especially when your significant other is making a big deal over something you consider to be trivial. Feel free to doze off for those 40 minutes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Pamper yourself with a massage or an all-day pass to a spa: You deserve it!

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): You look fine! Stop trying to make drastic changes to your appearance. Soon you will have a new hair color, new haircut, a new wardrobe and a hole in your wallet.

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